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Title: Need to ensure implementation of Scheduled Tribes and other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 by all the States in a time bound manner.

SHRI R. DHRUVANARAYANA (CHAMRAJANAGAR): I rise to express my concern on the very slow pace of implementation of the Scheduled Tribes and other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act 2006 enacted by the UPA Government during its first tenure in some States including Karnataka.

Many States have already gained on the Centre's initiative by speedy screening and processing the claims to identify the bona-fide beneficiaries and distribution of title deeds to those setllers who were in occupation of forest lands on or before the specified cut-off date i.e. 13.12.2005.

I urge the Centre to prevail upon those states lagging behind in the implementation of the Act to ensure that this well-intentioned initiative by the Centre is given effect in a time bound manner to bestow the rights on forest dwellers in true spirit of the enactment.